

Pd-Catalyzed Coupling of β -Hydroxy α -Diazocarbonyl Compounds with Aryl Iodides: A Migratory Insertion/ β -Hydroxy Elimination Sequence

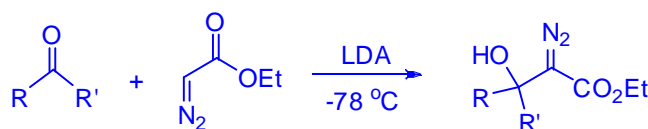
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General All reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere in a flame-dried reaction flask. All solvents were distilled prior to use. THF and toluene were dried over Na before use. For chromatography, 200-300 mesh silica gel (Qingdao, China) was employed. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 300 or Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer in CDCl_3 solution and the chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (d) relative to internal standard TMS (0 ppm). Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Ethyl 2-Diazo-3-hydroxy Carboxylates.¹



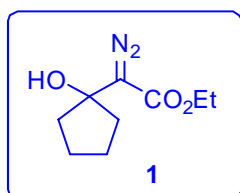
A cold (-10 °C) solution of lithium diisopropylamide [prepared by the addition of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (10 mL of a 2.5 M solution) to a solution of diisopropylamine (2.5 g) in THF (15 mL)] was added during 30 min to a stirred solution of the appropriate ketone (20 mmol) and ethyl diazoacetate (20 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 2 h, at which time the reaction was quenched with a saturated NH_4Cl solution and extracted with ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution and brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was subjected to flash silica gel chromatography to afford the pure ethyl 2-diazo-3-hydroxy carboxylate.

General Procedure for the Pd-Catalyzed Reactions

$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (2.5 mol%, 11.3 mg), 2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl (Xphos, 10 mol%, 23.7 mg) and aryl iodide (0.6 mmol) were suspended in THF (3 mL) in a 10 mL Schlenk tube under nitrogen. Then diisopropylamine (0.22 mL, 1.5 mmol) and α -hydroxyl diazo compound (0.5 mmol) were added. The resulting solution was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting mixture was filtered through a short path of silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate. The volatile compounds were removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexane).

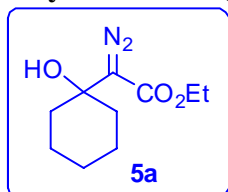
Spectral Data

Ethyl 2-Diazo-2-(1-hydroxycyclopentyl)acetate (1)¹



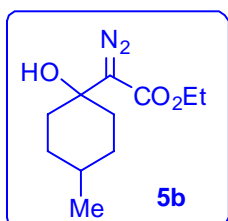
IR (neat) 3460, 2967, 2089, 1697, 1370, 1301, 1108, 750 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.67-1.92 (m, 6H), 2.01-2.09 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H).

Ethyl 2-Diazo-2-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)acetate (5a)²



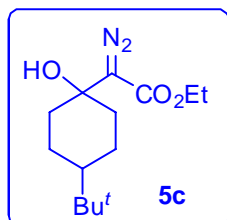
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Ethyl 2-Diazo-2-(1-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)acetate (5b)



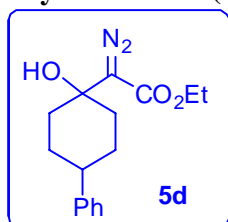
IR (neat) 3483, 2926, 2088, 1673, 1370, 1297, 1114, 1079, 744 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.93 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.40-1.69 (m, 7H), 2.04-2.07 (m, 2H), 3.47 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.5, 22.2, 29.8, 31.9, 36.1, 60.8, 69.1, 167.5.

Ethyl 2-(4-*tert*-butyl-1-hydroxycyclohexyl)-2-diazoacetate (5c)



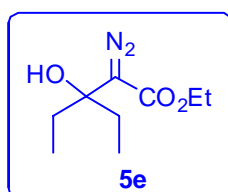
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Ethyl 2-Diazo-2-(1-hydroxy-4-phenylcyclohexyl)acetate (5d)



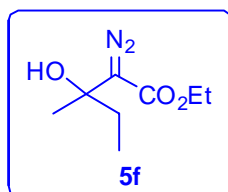
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Ethyl 2-Diazo-3-ethyl-3-hydroxypentanoate (5e)



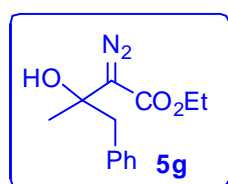
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Ethyl 2-Diazo-3-hydroxy-3-methylpentanoate (5f)³



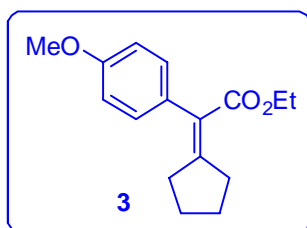
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Ethyl 2-Diazo-3-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate (5g)



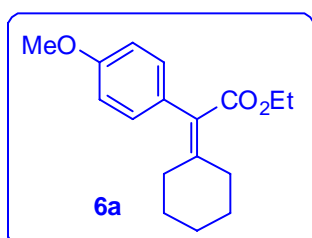
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Ethyl 2-Cyclopentylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (3)



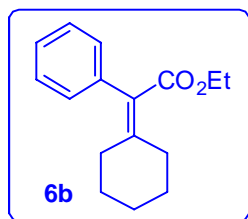
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Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (6a)



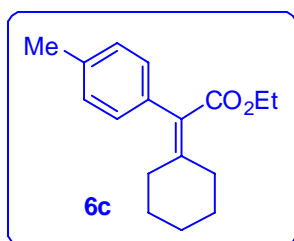
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Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-phenylacetate (6b)



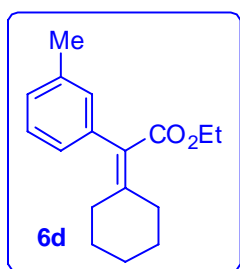
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Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-p-tolylacetate (6c)



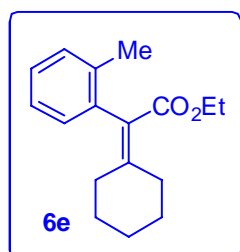
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Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-m-tolylacetate (6d)



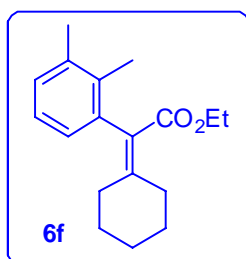
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Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-o-tolylacetate (6e)



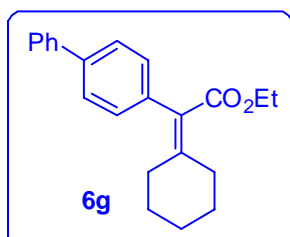
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Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)acetate (6f)



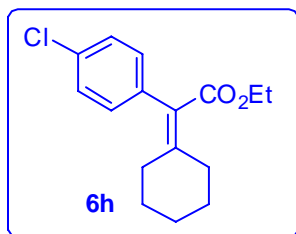
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Ethyl 2-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-2-cyclohexylideneacetate (6g)



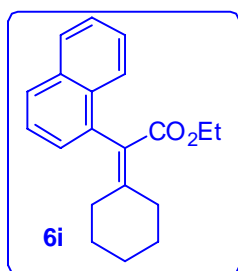
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Ethyl 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-cyclohexylideneacetate (6h)



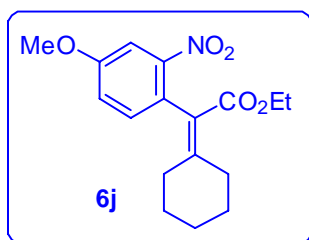
IR (film) 2929, 2854, 1712, 1448, 1260, 1188, 1035, 732 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.53-1.71 (m, 6H), 2.05 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 26.3, 28.2, 32.2, 32.5, 60.5, 126.5, 128.3, 130.8, 132.9, 136.0, 150.4, 168.7; MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 278 (76) (M^+), 249(15), 232(100), 203(39), 191(6), 182(12), 169(67), 153(15); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_2$ [$(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$] 279.1146, found: 279.1139.

Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (6i)



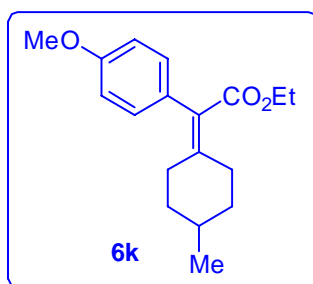
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Ethyl 2-Cyclohexylidene-2-(4-methoxy-2-nitrophenyl)acetate (6j)



IR (film) 2927, 2853, 1712, 1617, 1531, 1352, 1263, 1191, 1035, 733 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.56-1.71 (m, 6H), 2.07 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.3, 26.3, 28.3, 32.6, 56.6, 60.8, 113.2, 125.1, 126.9, 130.2, 135.5, 139.3, 152.0, 152.5, 168.4; MS (70 eV) m/z (%) 319 (13) (M^+), 302(100), 285(3), 273(23), 256(6), 244(8), 228(18), 210(10), 199(28), 184(7), 169(12), 153(10); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 320.1492, found: 320.1489.

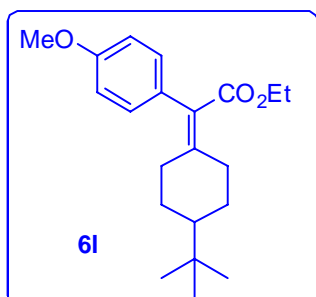
Ethyl 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methylcyclohexylidene)acetate (6k)



IR (film) 2952, 2923, 2850, 1731, 1607, 1510, 1457, 1244, 1185, 1034, 835 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.57-1.74 (m, 6H), 1.80-1.87 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.94 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.3, 21.8, 31.4, 32.1, 32.5, 36.3, 36.4, 55.3, 60.6, 113.6, 127.4, 129.9, 130.6, 140.8, 158.7, 169.7; MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 288 (100) (M^+), 259(11), 242(89), 213(67), 187(11), 171(39); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$

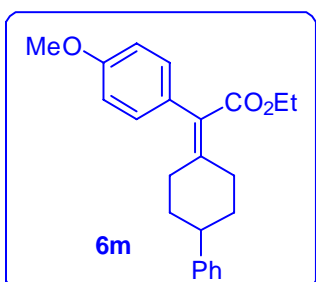
311.1617, found: 311.1616.

Ethyl 2-(4-*tert*-Butylcyclohexylidene)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (**6l**)



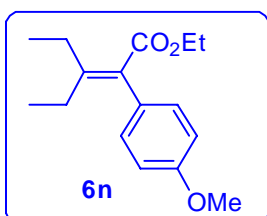
IR (film) 2949, 2968, 2087, 1681, 1366, 1291, 1084, 1058, 747 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.21-1.25 (m, 4H), 1.75-2.03 (m, 6H), 2.46-2.50 (m, 1H), 3.01-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.94 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.3, 27.7, 28.9, 29.0, 31.9, 32.5, 32.6, 41.8, 55.3, 60.6, 113.6, 127.0, 129.9, 130.7, 148.6, 158.6, 169.7; MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 330 (100) (M^+), 315(2), 301(5), 284(95), 269(5), 256(21), 241(11), 227(22), 199(89), 185(18), 172(19); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3$ [($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$] 331.2267, found: 331.2266.

Ethyl 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-phenylcyclohexylidene)acetate (**6m**)



IR (film) 2952, 2923, 2850, 1713, 1607, 1510, 1457, 1244, 1185, 1034, 835 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.53-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.93-2.10 (m, 4H), 2.68-2.80 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.12 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.3, 31.8, 32.5, 35.3, 35.4, 44.4, 55.3, 60.7, 113.7, 126.2, 126.9, 128.5, 128.7, 129.6, 130.6, 146.3, 146.8, 158.8, 169.6; MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 350 (100) (M^+), 304(39), 277(22), 194(21), 173(41), 159(22); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaO}_3$ [($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$] 373.1774, found: 373.1779.

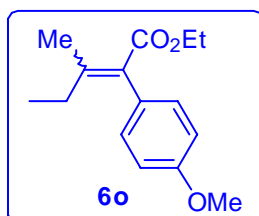
Ethyl 3-Ethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-2-enoate (**6n**)



IR (film) 2966, 2917, 1712, 1607, 1509, 1244, 1204, 1105, 1032, 836, 808 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.94 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.01 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.14 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.9, 13.4, 14.3, 25.6, 25.8, 55.3, 60.4, 113.6, 127.8, 129.6, 130.5, 152.9, 158.6, 169.3; MS (70 eV) m/z (%):

262 (100) (M^+), 233(16), 216(83), 205(19), 197(83), 187(83), 173(56), 159(83); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{16}H_{23}O_3$ [$(M+H)^+$] 263.1641, found: 263.1637.

Ethyl 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methylpent-2-enoate (6o, *E/Z* isomers *E:Z*=1:2.5)



IR (film) 2929, 1711, 1607, 1510, 1245, 1208, 1100, 1031, 836, 733 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.14 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 2.38 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.14 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 12.6, 13.1, 14.3, 19.6, 19.9, 29.1, 29.4, 55.3, 60.51, 60.54, 113.6, 129.7, 130.4, 130.5, 130.6, 147.4, 148.4, 158.6, 169.3; MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 248 (100) (M^+), 219(6), 202(62), 191(23), 173(95), 159(72); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}O_3$ [$(M+H)^+$] 249.1485, found: 249.1481.

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